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To: Hingtgen, Robert J
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Subject: Programmatic EIR for proposed SOITEC projects
Attachments: SOITEC PEIR comment.pdf

Attached is the formal comment of the Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group on the proposed programmatic EIR requested by SOITEC. Please add it to the public record.

Thanks

Billie Jo, Chairman

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February 2, 2014

Re; Programmatic EIR for proposed SOITEC projects; SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, LOG NO. PDS2012-3910-120005(ER); 380-12-010 (GPA); TIERRA DEL SOL, 3300-12-010 (MUP); 3600-12-005 (REZ); 3921-77-046-01 (AP); RUGGED SOLAR, 3300-12-007 (MUP); SCH NO. 2012121018

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

At the request of the Boulevard Community Planning Group, the Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group voted unanimously on January 27, 2014, to formally support BPG's actions and comments about SOITEC's proposed LanWest, Tierra Del Sol and Rugged Solar industrial-scale solar projects. Specific actions supported are:

1. Action taken by BPG on June 14, 2012, opposing Soitec's Rugged Solar: *Oppose/deny Rugged Solar for non-compliance with General Plan, Community Plan, MUP Required Findings (bulk, scale, harmony, density, coverage, fire services, utilities, traffic, suitability of site for type and intensity of use) and CEQA. Please uphold the voice of the overwhelming majority of registered voters who elected planning group members to help protect Boulevard's rural community character from being destroyed from over-development and large-scale industrial projects.*
2. Action taken by BPG on August 2, 2012, opposing Soitec Tierra Del Sol project: *Send comment letter denying Tierra Del Sol Solar LLC using same reasons stated for opposition to Rugged Solar LLC and LanWest Solar LLC; add Homeland Security and military air traffic and other issues /impacts.*
3. Action taken by BPG on May 3, 2012, opposing Soitec's LanWest project: *Oppose LanWest Solar based on the fact it is a large-scale industrial solar project in close proximity to adjacent homes; non-compliance with community character, general plan and community plan that was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2011; public health and safety concerns, cumulative impacts.*

The Campo Lake Morena Planning Group strongly shares the concerns cited by the BPG, and is highly concerned that groundwater usage will be much higher than what is stated in its environmental documents, as has occurred at the Ecosubstation in Jacumba. Where is the water coming from and how can we be sure this is a valid estimate of usage?

Fire danger is also an area of great concern for us. The equipment and chemicals used at these generation facilities are associated with fires, and the difficulties of shutting down equipment

were amply illustrated in the January 20 structure fire in El Cajon, where it took an hour for SDG&E to turn off a transformer. During that time, firefighters were not able to put water on the fire, allowing it to spread into a nearby building. How much longer than that will it take when the equipment is located in a remote community like Boulevard?

The backcountry has already been threatened by two wind turbine fires/explosions. The addition of multiple solar facilities will further multiply this risk, with the result that local residents are being forced to take on a catastrophic risk that is many times that of the people who will be using the power generated by these facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Billie Jo Jannen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Billie Jo Jannen

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